



(FARM SCENE IN HOLT COUNTY, MO.)

NOTICE.

E. Wickham is no longer our authorized agent, and all parties are warned to make no payments to him on account of this paper.

—Lee Polk is now the King High Kicker.

—Joseph Groves is selling his stock of goods at auction.

—James Ewing, of Maitland, was in the city Friday last.

—Jesse Smith has sold his residence to Uncle Barney Kunkel.

—Herman Schulte is visiting relatives near Humboldt, Nebraska.

—In rehearsal—Little Red Riding Hood; a most pleasing cantata.

—Little Fritz Seeman has been dangerously ill, but is now some better.

—Mr. John Lamb has purchased the stock of goods of Pindexter & Wells at Forest City.

—Mrs. Charles Hilsenbeck was taken to the St. Joseph insane asylum last Thursday.

—Will Hulatt, son of Judge Hulatt, has been very low with pneumonia, but is some better now.

—Sam'l Stuckey made several shipments, the past week, of his fine Plymouth Rock chickens.

—George B. Chaddock, the newly appointed deputy county clerk, entered upon his duties on the 1st inst.

—Henry Seyfer has gone to Dunbar, Nebraska, to look after his father's farming interest in that section.

—Jehu Foster, who has been quite sick for several days past, is now able to be out and enjoy the sunshine.

—A. S. Pearce, of Clay township, one of the best of men, called Friday.

—We are always glad to meet such men.

—Mrs. Rosa Rogers, of Tarkio, Atchison county, spent a few days last week with friends and relatives near Oregon.

—What becomes a town more than good sidewalks and clean crossings?

—Mound City News. Lots of good looking girls.

—Mr. Charles W. Thomas, our lively young attorney, has purchased the paternal residence of W. R. Springer; consideration \$3,500.

—Mrs. Carrie Smith and her sparkling little two-year old son, of Forest City, are spending a few days with her parents in our city.

—Hail, glorious, lamb-like March! But, hold on, there are twenty-one days more in the month—time enough for lots of mischief.

—On last Saturday, Philip Kolmer purchased a pair of fine draft mares from Mr. Stout, paying two hundred dollars for the span.

—F. C. Honnen and family took their departure, Tuesday last, for Humboldt, Nebraska, their future home. We regret to lose such thrifty citizens.

—Senator Dungan and family came home last Friday. The Senator returned to Jefferson on Monday, and will remain until the adjournment of the legislature.

—On last Thursday, Miss Margaret Rulley fell and dislocated her left wrist. Dr. Thatcher was called and the patient is now doing as well as could be expected.

—Miss Lizzie Honnen has just closed a very successful five months term of school near Humboldt, Nebraska. Her many friends here will be glad to learn of her success in the school room.

—The Grand Army of the Republic of Missouri will hold its annual encampment in St. Joseph, on the 22nd inst. D. P. Dobyns will be the representative from Christian Meyer Post of this city.

—The popular firm, Smith, Luckhardt & Co., of Forest City, have something to say in this issue. This house deals only in reliable goods, and do business in a strictly reliable manner. Call, and see Webb and Louie.

—A very pleasant tea was spread at the residence of Mr. Samuel Herschberger, on Saturday evening last, by the Wagon Union, on the occasion of the removal of Mrs. Emma Herschberger, a highly esteemed member of the Union, to Maitland.

—The cloth peddlers are again infesting the state. The Ohio about claiming to sell goods saved from a big fire some where, or bought at a bankrupt sale, or something of that sort, and represent that they only charge about sixty per cent of what the country merchants sell the same class of goods for, while in reality their goods are shoddy in nine cases out of ten, and people can always do better by buying of their home merchant whom they know and can trust. It is always safe to steer clear of the cloth peddlers.

—Mrs. Dr. Fiegenbaum is visiting in St. Joseph.

—Mrs. Nicholas Welton is visiting friends in Savannah.

—Mrs. James Nolan died at her home near this city on Monday evening last.

—C. M. Moser has sold his farm near Bigelow to J. W. Gresham at \$45 per acre.

—There will be social worship at the Christian church on next Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m.

—J. J. Moulton, formerly of the Maitland Independent, is taking some of establishing a paper at Hopkins, Nodaway county.

—Timothy Proud and wife, of Atchison county, are the guests of C. O. Proud, of this city. They came all the way to see Jonas Aldrich.

—At the school board meeting last Saturday, S. Blanchard, T. I. Kreek and Daniel Zachman were selected as judges for the approaching spring election.

—A report is going the rounds that Jim Beach is to be the proprietor of the St. Joseph Herald. We don't believe it. Jim Beach, if he does buy, will make a lively paper. He knows how.

—We would call your attention to the elegant stock of harness, saddles, etc., belonging to D. M. Martin. His advertisement appears in this issue. Dan al ways sells as low as the lowest, and as fine a quality as can be found in this part of the state.

—Thomas Denny died Saturday last and was buried Monday at Fairview cemetery, aged seventy-two. He was ill but fifteen minutes. He was a noble, christian gentleman, and he leaves a large circle of friends who mourn his loss. The funeral was conducted by Elder, Wm. A. Gardner, of Mound City.

—The following is a list of letters remaining in the postoffice at Oregon, Mo., March 1st, 1883: Geo E Clayton, Samuel Crow, Mrs Wm Cartel, W R Copfinger, Newton Harleour, Geo W Hiller, C B Holdridge, Chas Ailsenbeck, Ellen Jones, Nellie Jones, Mrs M Terhoun, Mrs M Lowell, James Pool, F M Sturabo, J O Stout, Benj Stone, A T Young.

—The liberal snow-fall during the winter is regarded as a good harbinger for the agricultural community, in that it promises abundant crops the coming summer and autumn months. The snow disappearing has left the soil in excellent condition for reception of seed, thus making the farmer, as he begins his spring work, confident of a good crop. With a crop of apples equal to that of last year, and an increase in the cereal crop, Holt county land will soon be known the country wide over, and land will take an upward tendency.

—Messrs. Boyd & Anderson have bought the stock of saddles, harness, etc., belonging to J. W. Peret, and can now be found in the room formerly occupied by Mr. Peret with as full a stock of goods in their line as can be found anywhere in the county. Mr. Hamilton Boyd, the manager of the new firm, as a workman in saddlery and harness making, needs little introduction at our hand. He is a young man full of honesty and industry. Coming here about a year ago when he took a position with Mr. Peret, and by working hard and steady both day and night has earned the confidence of the public in general. The other member of the firm is Judge George Anderson; and of course, everybody knows him.

—A most peculiar disease has made its appearance near Winona, Minnesota, among the hogs, which is the same as the mad itch which is now prevailing among the hogs of Atchison county. The Chicago Times describing this disease, says: "It has thus far resulted fatally to nearly all hogs attacked. From Mr. C. W. Southwick, of Minnesota City, who has just returned from a tour of the western part of the country, some interesting facts are learned which will command the attention of every farmer in the state. M. W. Watson, a farmer, says some of his hogs are taken with vomiting and purging. Others have sores on the feet, sides of the legs, or head, some of the sores eating holes through the front part of the skull. Others have these cancerous eaten sores in the posterior extremities, while others have them on various parts of the body. The disease attacks old and young, fat and lean alike. Many of them seem to get over the worst of the first attack, and to be improving for a time, but when the second attack comes they die. Some that were turned loose would go to the grove and search around as if hunting for something to eat that they did not find."

—It is now Collector Welty.

—Mrs. Jacob Oren is very ill.

—County court will convene next Monday.

—Business is reviving as warm weather comes on.

—Wheat is quoted at 85 cents at Dayton, Washington Territory.

—Fred Markland, of White Cloud, Kansas, was in town, this week.

—John Dorsey spent a few days in White Cloud, Kansas, this week.

—Grandpa Hoblitzell, of St. Joe, was visiting his son Niel, last week.

—The drama has come and gone, and "Red Riding Hood" is next in order.

—Every father, every mother, every boy should not fail to read "Freddy's" letter.

—Died, March 2d, Claude, son of H. T. and Margaret Alki, aged three years.

—Whooping cough and pneumonia is prevailing among the children of Forest City.

—D. B. Kelley, son of Judge H. S. Kelley, has received his appointment as postmaster at Savannah.

—D. M. Martin is offering special inducements in the harness and saddlery line for the next 30 days.

—Hugh Emmet, the infant son of D. S. and Harriet Alkire, of Forest City, died, Thursday, March 1st, 1883.

—Z. Williams, formerly teacher at the Schaffer school, has been employed to teach in the Burr Oak district.

—A few of the residents living in the bottom land in Atchison county are moving to the higher land for fear of the coming flood.

—The wife of Dr. B. L. G. Stone, a former resident of Oregon, died from congestion of the lungs.

—James Miller, of Benton township, has purchased the residence of Dan Thornton; consideration, \$225.

—The sale was made by Moore & Hoffmann.

—Col. P. A. Thompson, a well known furrier of Atchison county, is holding 60,000 bushels of corn to be sold just so soon as the price reaches forty cents.

—A man is wiser for his learning, and the sooner he learns that the only proper way to cure a cough or cold, is to use Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, the better he is off.

—The Mayflower school closed on Friday last with an exhibition. Miss Flora Chesbro gave the best of satisfaction and we trust the school board will employ her again.

—The ground was frozen to the depth of twenty-four to thirty inches. It is now March 9th and thawed to that depth, and short-legged people are staying in doors as much as possible.

—Sam'l Hardy, if he wishes to help along the school of his district, will consent to be a candidate for director. He has been the district clerk for the past year, and as such has given excellent satisfaction.

—Prof. A. L. Crosswhite, the efficient teacher of the Kinsey school, closed his school last Friday, and on Wednesday left for his home in Lathrop, Missouri, where he will spend a month or two, visiting relatives and friends.

—A young gentleman of our acquaintance ordered a new silk hat and a pair of white kid gloves from a St. Joseph house this week, and now all his bachelor associates look upon him with suspicion. They think he is going to desert them.

—Geese and ducks are becoming numerous on the lakes. Robins have appeared; the boys have taken possession of the sides of our streets, yelling "knuckle down," and "venter," and many other evidences of approaching spring begin to appear.

—Mr. J. W. Peret and family took their departure Monday last for Wetmore, Kansas. He goes to that city for the purpose of engaging in the general mercantile business. Mr. Peret is a first class business man, and as a citizen is classed among the very best.

—Our neighbors across the river have gained a valuable acquisition to their business and social circles, and Mr. Peret carries with him the best wishes of the people of Oregon. He was accompanied by his brother, Mr. Victor Peret, and family.

—The latest feature in St. Joseph is "Union parties," and the modus operandi is as follows: All the young ladies go into a side room and one of them bites into an onion. A young man is then admitted, and he is compelled to repeat the performance until the solution is found. We guess we can stand the smell of onions, but if that feature is introduced in Oregon, we are afraid the room would have a combined smell of whiskey and onions.

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The bill recently introduced by Senator Dobyns, providing for the improvements of the roads, is a most excellent bill as far as it goes, but we fear it will fail to accomplish its object unless it is reinforced by some provision for an intelligent system of procedure.

It is no doubt wise legislation to do away with the existing system of working out road taxes, but a change must show immediate results to receive the support of public sentiment.

At present, two harmful provisions exist either of which are sufficient to provide against good roads. We copy the following, sensible remarks from the Kansas City Journal:

In the first place the taxes are expended on the roads in a theoretical kind of a fashion.

The main object is to work out the tax, and this is generally hastened in various ways known to the farmers, in order to give place to work on the farm.

For instance we quote one of the provisions of the revised statutes which results in a damage to the farmer in the way of paying road taxes.

"Every person who shall furnish at the request of the road overseer a plow, cart, wagon or scraper, with a pair of oxen, horses or mules, shall be entitled to receive for day's work of such team and driver such compensation as the county court may allow, not exceeding \$2.50 per day."

We have often seen a multitude of various implements on the roads during the working days, and we have no doubt that in hurried times the farmers succeed in getting pretty liberal allowances under this provision. And we all know that county courts are exceedingly kind and liberal in Missouri. Add the taxes thus paid to the fines, which are taken in considering the best methods of work, and we are inclined to the belief that our road tax laws are not remarkably effective for the purposes named.